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On the cover:

Members of the Honor Guard members perform moves during a "board" here Tuesday. The team has 12 active members and eight trainees. The Honor Guard is always seeking new members to fulfill team obligations for ceremonial support. See related article, Page 9. (Photo by Airman 1st Class Dawn Duman.)

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COMMANDER'S COMMENTS



By Col. "Tip" Stinnette
39th Air Base Wing commander

Safety with headphones

Team Incirlik, a couple months ago we discussed interest in a headphone-approved running course. Our team from the civil engineer squadron and the safety office have been working extremely hard on the new headphone-approved running course with money that U.S. Air Forces in Europe sent us to support the initiative. The course is on the interior of the 2.25-mile triangle and will be open Monday. I'll see you out on the loop!

Keep track of your identity

We are all responsible for exercising personal force protection. Terrorism is a harsh reality in today's world. We track the number of lost identification cards weekly at the wing staff meeting and have noticed an increase in the number of ID cards that have been reported lost or stolen. Since October of last year, 90 ID cards have been reported lost or stolen, along with 40 gate passes.



EVERY INCIRLIK
TEAM MEMBER HAS
THE RIGHT TO CALL
KNOCK IT OFF

FOR QUESTIONS CALL WING SAFETY AT 6-SAFE

When traveling in Turkey or shopping in the Alley and downtown Adana, please be vigilant of your surroundings and make sure you safeguard your identification. Remember, force protection is a way of life.

Congrats to our promotees

Promotion day is always an exciting time in any Airmen's career. Please join us in congratulating our October promotees:

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- ♦ To senior master sergeant: **Keith Raggette**, Eskeshir; **Todd Weidensaul**, 39 SFS

STEPS FOR MISHAP PREVENTION

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|----------|---|
| START: | SAY KNOCK IT OFF |
| SAFE: | Stop the Activity |
| STATE: | State concern How worried are you? |
| SOLICIT: | Get inputs |
| SOLVE: | State/Discuss Solutions |
| SETTLE: | Find agreement everyone is comfortable with |

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Action Line addresses theater, deployed spouses, healthier eating

Base Theater

Q: Throughout my tour, I've visited the movie theater repeatedly and it seems that every time I go to watch a movie they have technical problems. Every time it happens they apologize, but it turns into a longer wait than expected. Can we get an upgrade?

A: We agree we need a new theater and have been working to get one programmed into our installation facilities plan. A construction project is programmed to build a new base theater early in 2008. This "Consolidated Community Center" project will house the library, education center, community activities center and AAFES Theater under one roof. The theater will be state of the art. The current theater was erected in 1955, and unfortunately we would only be throwing good money after bad money with patch upgrades. The environmental control and lighting systems have been repaired numerous times, and we will continue to attempt to mitigate the concerns you raise in an economical fashion. The good news is, in October a team from AAFES, Germany, will be at Incirlik to upgrade the current projection system.

Deployed spouses

Q: My husband has recently been deployed to Iraq for four months and when I asked about a support group so spouses could get together and talk about the things they are going through or activities for the children here, I was told that since there is not a Readiness NCO at this time, nothing exists. It seems like anytime I have asked about the past meetings of spouses and family members, when there was a Readiness NCO, the answer is there was never enough participation to do it again and there was no one to run the programs.

In my opinion, if there is one spouse on this base away from their husband or wife and loved ones, they need to know that other people care about their well being - I have not got this feeling from this base. Instead I have only gotten excuses as to why there is not something more being offered. How do I get this program fixed or going again other spouses will have an easier time being away from their husband or wife, which in turn, makes the spouse that is deployed concentrate on the task at hand knowing their loved

ones are being taken care of?

A: Thank you for your feedback. You are absolutely right that the number of people we have deployed should not affect the quality of support and assistance we offer to the families of our deployed personnel. Information is power and volunteers are the engine behind many of our family programs. Our family support center has expanded the Combat Care program to include the Reintegration Program, Spouse Reintegration Coffees, Unit Key Spouse training and Family Movie Days. In early summer, they twice offered deployed spouse support group sessions for the deployment rotation but no one showed up. We are working to do a better job of advertising our support programs. The Family Support Center will again attempt to facilitate a support group for spouses of deployed members during the current AEF cycle despite the fact that we are deploying significantly less people this cycle than during the summer cycle.

If these programs do not meet your needs, people can call Bill Lawson, FSC director, at 6-6755 or Maj. Susan Airola-Skully, 39th Mission Support Squadron commander, and they will make every effort to assist you.

Healthier eating

Q: I was wondering if we are ever going to get a sub or sandwich shop on base? The Air Force is trying to become healthier yet we do not have many healthy options for eating on base. By providing the base with a healthier alternative to the other fast food restaurants, it would increase morale and help people maintain a healthier lifestyle.

A: We are currently working solicitations to bring Subway (Turkey) to Incirlik. This has been an ongoing effort and we are hoping to see some positive results soon.

Additionally, let me highlight some of the great selections of healthy choices AAFES has introduced to the base in the past few months. Anthony's Pizza offers different salads including the Italian, garden and grilled chicken salads. Burger King also offers a great selection of healthy foods, including the new Burger King Veggie Burger and a choice of either a fire-grilled chicken or shrimp salads. Taco Bell will soon move into the low carbohydrate market with their introduction of several low carbohydrate items by the end of the year.

YOUR TURN

Why do you give to the Combined Federal Campaign?

"Anytime you can give time or money to others in need, it is definitely worthwhile."



— Airman 1st Class Steven Rogers, 728th Air Mobility Squadron

"It's good to know the assistance is there if and when people need it so I'm glad I can be a part of that."



— Capt. Nancy Morin, 39th Mission Support Squadron

"It offers help to so many people, especially with the Hurricane Katrina relief efforts."



— Janice Little, family member

"It gives us the opportunity to help out organizations. Especially the smaller, less well-known charities I never knew existed."



— Airman Nichelle Ingram, 39th Security Forces Squadron

"It gives me another opportunity to give back to the community."

— Staff Sgt. Kimberly Whitfield, 39th Air Base Wing staff



To submit a question for "Your Turn," call 6-6060 or e-mail tip.sword@incirlik.af.mil

Annual CFC kicks off

The 2005 to 2006 overseas Combined Federal Campaign begins Monday and runs six consecutive weeks through Dec. 15.

Exact dates and campaign goals are established in each geographic area by the local federal coordinating committee and are available through the base CFC project officer.

The CFC was established in 1961 and is the largest workplace charity campaign in the country. This annual fall fundraising drive allows nearly 4 million federal employees and servicemembers to contribute to thousands of local and national nonprofit organizations.

Last year, federal employees and servicemembers donated a record-setting \$257 million to the campaign. Contributions can be in cash, check or by payroll deduction.

On average, one in four federal employees or their dependents will benefit from the campaign charities this year, CFC officials said. Donors may designate which charity, or charities, receives their money by filling out a pledge card.

For more information, people can contact their local campaign project officers or visit the CFC Web site at www.opm.gov/cfc.

(Courtesy of Air Force Personnel Center News Service.)

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Photo by Senior Airman Dallas Edwards

Connecting with commanders

Airman 1st class Christian Garcia (left), 39th Medical Group dental technician, and Maj. Susan Airola-Skully, 39th Mission Support Squadron commander, got together to challenge each other at a game on the X-Box in the After Six during the Community Action Information Board meeting Tuesday. This was an opportunity for Airmen to voice their concerns to their commanders and the base leadership about things going on in the community.

AF Climate Survey launches Saturday

Airmen have the power to shape the future when the 2005 Air Force Climate Survey launches Saturday.

"The direction we take depends on you!" said Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Gerald Murray. "The motto of the 2005 Climate Survey, 'Speak Today, Shape Tomorrow,' accurately reflects the impact this survey has on our Air Force. It's your chance to provide honest and straightforward answers to issues that directly affect you and your fellow Airmen. Your identity is protected and every response is reviewed for consideration." The survey, offered every two years since 1997, measures how people feel about leadership, supervision, training, recognition and other aspects of the Air Force. This year's survey also measures enduring competencies such as effective communication, teamwork, judgment and adaptation under pressure.

"There is a reason the Air Force conducts a climate survey," said Col. "Tip" Stinnette, 39th Air Base Wing commander. "We do this survey, which is quite different from a unit initiated survey because our senior leadership needs to take periodic temperature readings of

the force. This is a great opportunity for us to tap into our senior leaders and provide them with an honest assessment of what the force thinks."

The survey provides a total force perspective and includes active-duty members, civilians, the Air Force Reserve Command and Air National Guard.

The survey runs through Nov. 23 and can be completed online anytime during the survey period from either a government or personal computer.

"We hope to beat last year's participation by 25 percent," said Tech. Sgt. Dana Bridges, 39th ABW 2005 Air Force Climate Survey coordinator. "Incirlik reported 78.3 percent participation in the 2004 survey. When compared to United States Air Forces in Europe's 58 percent participation rate that put Incirlik first in the command. I think we can still do better than that."

The survey can be found at <https://afclimatesurvey.af.mil/>. (Courtesy of Air Force Manpower Agency Public Affairs. Tech. Sgt. Brian Jones, 39th Air Base Wing Public Affairs, also contributed to this article.)



Photo by Senior Airman Dallas Edwards

Vehicle operations move

Hasan Senturk, 39th Logistics Readiness, does repairs on a 3 PAX-Steering system. Vehicle operations is now co-located with vehicle maintenance in building 117. All phone numbers are the same. Customers can still contact vehicle dispatch at 6-6756 and vehicle pick and mobile maintenance at 6-3179. For more information, call the chief of motor vehicles at 6-6409.

IN THE NEWS

In/Out-processing hours

The 39th Mission Support Group In/Out-processing hours are 10 to 11 a.m. and 2 to 3 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. For more information, call the 39th MSG commander's support staff at 6-6420.

Service station closure

The military service station will close today from 7 p.m. to midnight. For more information, call fuels resource control center at 6-6469.

Oktoberfest

Incirlik Oktoberfest is Oct. 8 from 5 to 10 p.m. at Arkadas Park. For more information, call Chris Skully at 6-9895.

Restriction

Personnel are advised there is a high likelihood of civil disturbance in the vicinity of Antakya (Antioch) over the next week. The vicinity is restricted and personnel will avoid the location until further notice.

Demonstrations

There is a high potential for spontaneous demonstrations From Mersin to Adana until Monday. Personnel should exercise extreme caution in metropolitan areas. For more information, call 6-6657.

TRICARE

When people PCS, they remain in TRICARE Prime for a max of 60 days from their departure date to their next assignment so their coverage is uninterrupted. People should stop by the TRICARE office before they move.

Sunday brunch

The club offers breakfast and lunch items, desserts, omelette station and more every Sunday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, call the club at 6-6101.

EDIS Incirlik

People with concerns about their child's development from birth to 3-years-old can contact Educational and Developmental Intervention Services at 6-9649. For information about children older than 3, call Child Find at 6-3109.

Hometown holiday greetings: *sending holiday messages home*

By Amber Drake

39th Air Base Wing Public Affairs intern

The Army and Air Force Hometown News Service team from San Antonio visited Incirlik last week and provided an opportunity for Airmen here this holiday season: a personal message home sending wishes for happy holidays.

Usually from 30 to 60 seconds long, the holiday greeting is a chance to reassure people back home that their military family members and friends are doing okay.

Every fall, the team travels overseas and spends a couple of days at as many bases as possible.

"This program is to recognize servicemembers, to give them a chance to say hello to their families from overseas," said Capt. Shannon Nyberg, team member. "It really boosts their morale."

For the past several years, about 13,000 to 14,000 servicemembers have participated.

The hometown news service team sends members into the "hot spots," such as Iraq and Afghanistan, to record deployed soldiers.

"I most enjoy seeing someone get through the holiday greeting," said Tom Taylor, team chief who has been part of the greetings for several years. "They are usually nervous before filming, but we talk them through it and they leave feeling satisfied."

One of Incirlik's own was part of the team this year, due to a shortage of people. Standing behind the camera, Airman 1st Class Alex



Photo by Airman 1st Class Dawn Duman

Staff Sgts. Taronza and Chalanya Pelham, 39th Communications Squadron, and their children Lorenzo, age 3, and Angelo, age 1, send out a holiday greeting to family and friends in the U.S. People who were unable to film a greeting still have the option to access the electronic print greeting program.

Griffin, American Forces Network, Detachment 7, was the voice telling people the camera loves them.

"It feels good to be part of something so meaningful to servicemen and women," he said. "When they thank you, you know it means so much to them."

For those who were unable to film a greeting, they can access the fully electronic print greeting program Monday by visiting HometownLink at <http://hn.afnews.af.mil> and clicking the print greeting image. Ac-

cess to the program is restricted to dot-mil and dot-gov computers. People will not be able to access the program from a home computer system.

Once a greeting is submitted, the data is stored in our news-release database. From there, the HNS team assembles the greetings by state and e-mails the greetings en masse to the newspaper editors serving that state in the beginning of December. For more information, call the Public Affairs office at 6-6060.

AF issues headphone guidance for PT uniforms

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — Air Force officials issued guidance for the wear of headphones while wearing the official physical training uniform.

Airmen dressed in the PT uniform are authorized to wear headphones while participating in personal fitness and other off-duty activities said officials at the Air Force Personnel Center here. However, headphones cannot be worn in formation, during organized unit physical training sessions or while performing official duties.

Commanders may further deny headphone wear if conditions are de-

termined to be unsafe, such as people running near vehicle traffic where such wear would limit hearing or awareness of surroundings. They may also disallow headphone use because of operational requirements, officials said.

Air Force component commanders will coordinate wear policy with the combatant commander to ensure uniformity for Airmen deployed to joint environments.

For more information, Airmen can contact their commander's support staff or base military personnel flight. (*Courtesy of AFPC News Service.*)



Hidden Heroes is a U.S. Air Forces in Europe special interest program that recognizes people and programs that make a difference to the base and community. The 39th Air Base Wing's goal is to match 50 percent of the population to volunteer opportunities. Incirlik has increased the number of volunteers on base by more than 10 percent from the first quarter. To volunteer, call the family support center at 6-6755.

Base tackles sexual assault with new authority

By 1st Lt. S.J.B. Bryant
39th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

For one captain here, the sole responsibility of ensuring Incirlik's personnel prevent and respond to sexual assault is a big task, especially since the Air Force implemented a new sexual assault reporting program last October.

For Capt. Kim Bell, 39th Air Base Wing Sexual Assault Response Coordinator, her primary job, which she began more than a month ago, is to educate the base on sexual assault reporting options.

"Sexual assault is a serious problem that goes largely unreported," she said. "Many Airmen are left feeling without hope and help. In light of the staggering number of assaults that go unreported, the Air Force has implemented a new program which offers new reporting options to victims to ensure proper care and justice."

In 2004, there were 1,700 sexual assault reports filed by or against U.S. Armed Forces military members, according to the official Department of Defense summary on the subject. The DoD definition of sexual assault is any "intentional sexual contact characterized by use of force, physical threat or abuse of authority, or when the victim does not or cannot consent." Because of the increase in reports (1,012 alleged sexual assaults in 2003 and 901 reports in 2002), the DoD established the Joint Task Force for Sexual Assault Prevention and Response in October. The JTF/SAPR is responsible for policy affecting sexual assault.

Because of the JTF/SAPR initiative, the Air Force now has two reporting options for victims of sexual assault — restricted and unrestricted. Unrestricted reporting can be something as simple as a person walking up to the law enforcement desk or other enforcement agency to initiate an investigation. At that point, the SARC will be immediately notified by the responding agency, usually the Office of Special Investigations or security forces. The SARC will assign a victim advocate and track the progress of the case.

"Victim advocates are a very important step in the process because they will be available to the victim if requested to provide immediate non-clinical support," said Captain Bell.

All reports are only made available to those who have a need-to-know, which does not necessarily include the individual's commander, she added. This is vital to understand because some might feel they cannot report the incident for fear of retribution or ridicule.

The other option is a restricted report, essentially a confidential

report. Only doctors, chaplains and the SARC can receive the report. Because victims sometimes need time, support and education about the incident, this option might be an easier adjustment into an investigation. When a victim files a restricted report, proper medical support is given first without an investigation beginning immediately. Commanders and first sergeants are not notified of the victim or the case until the victim is ready to report.

"No one should have to deal with this alone," said Captain Bell. "There are so many people willing and qualified to help in situations like this. We help the victims get the help they need."

This new SARC program differs from the previous sexual assault reporting program in that it provides victims with two options instead of one. Previously, victims could only fill out an unrestricted report, which meant they had to report the incident to investigative authorities as well as their commander first before receiving proper mental and physical care.

"Now there is nothing wrong with this method except most victims don't feel comfortable about their unit leadership knowing and not fully understanding the reporting system," admitted Captain Bell. "It was found through statistics that most feel if they report an incident it could affect their promotion, good standing or just create a bad reputation. This is compounded when the assault is committed by someone in their leadership chain or colleague who is respected."

Sexual assault is criminal conduct and needs to be reported, even at a small, unique base like Incirlik. Some might think the small-town feel of Incirlik means the base escapes the problems that other bases endure - like sexual assault. But Captain Bell said sexual assault can happen anywhere, anytime.

The best way to combat incidents like sexual assault is to understand how to report such activities, according to Captain Bell. Leadership - commanders, first sergeants, supervisors - as well as followers and peers should make every effort to educate Airmen on this new program and encourage anyone who has been sexually assaulted to report and get help.

"It is important we all support this program and stop Airmen preying on other Airmen," she said. "Everyone should feel safe, but everyone should be held accountable for their actions as well. Optimistically, all Airmen who've been sexually assaulted at anytime in their lives will get the help they need. We hope this opportunity will foster a safer environment for everyone living on base. Remember, we all have a Wingman and we must protect our Wingman."

Incirlik aims to fill upcoming months with recreation

By Tech. Sgt. Brian Jones
39th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

Being separated from family and loved ones can be tough for single and unaccompanied Airmen here, especially during the holiday season. But a U.S. Air Forces in Europe initiative aims to fill the upcoming winter months with hope, energy, enthusiasm and recreation.

"Project CHEER is geared toward unaccompanied and single Airmen stationed here," said Wiyada Lee, 39th Services Squadron, community center director. "Because they are away from their family, we are going to have more

activities during the winter that they can enjoy."

Project CHEER kicks off Nov. 1 and will run through the end of March and will ensure that every Incirlik Airman has plenty to do.

"We are one big family here and no one should be left out," said Yvonne Haskins, 39th Services Squadron. "We want them (unaccompanied and single Airmen) to feel they are a part of Team Incirlik and they make a difference to the mission. Our goal is simply to give them a chance to become part of the family."

While command program organizers have set a goal of a minimum of ten Project CHEER

events per month, Incirlik officials hope to greatly exceed that number.

"Our goal is to have 40-50 programs per month," said Mrs. Lee. "(The activity) can be as simple as a cookout or can be a theme party, field trip, Bible study or X-Box tournament."

While the services squadron will sponsor many of the activities, all units on base will be asked to participate.

"Every unit has unaccompanied and single Airmen," said Mrs. Lee. "We just need to take time to think about and care for them. We already do a good job of caring for our people; Project CHEER will just organize it."

Boy Scouts earn merit at Incirlik

By Capt. Denise Burnham
39th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

Back home in the U.S. there are many organizations for the youth to get involved in: tee-ball, football, summer camp, Boys and Girls clubs to name a few. One of the most time-honored and established organizations is the Boy Scouts of America.

Thanks to the hard work and dedication of a small group of people at Incirlik, children and young adults may participate in the Boy Scouts program while living here as well.

The volunteers who lead the Boy Scouts come from a wide-range of career fields and ranks. Some are from maintenance, some are first sergeants, some are enlisted, some are officers, but all of these volunteers have one thing in common ... they are promoting the growth of young men around the base, both mentally and physically.

"I am currently serving as the Scout Master," said Staff Sgt. Lucas Dechant, 39th Maintenance Group. "Boy Scouts is basically a youth-run program with the adults there to lend support and help teach; so I make sure that the youth leaders stay on track."

The "youths" involved in Boy Scouts are boys ages toddler to 18-years-old. Tiger Scouts are for the youngest of the troops, Cub Scouts are ages 6 to 11 years-old and have three different divisions of progression — Wolf Scouts, Bear Scouts, and Webelos, which stands for "We'll Be Loyal Scouts."

"The Cub Scouts look to help the community and give the boys an opportunity to be the best they can be," said Tech. Sgt. Chris Van Hise, 39th Maintenance Group and Webelos Scout Leader. "They learn about outdoor activities, becoming a good citizen and helping people in need."

The oldest boys involved in Scouts are in the actual Boy Scouts Troop, ages 11 to 18-years-old. The best of the best Boy Scouts, through a lot of hard work and determination, will achieve the title of Eagle Scout.

The Boy Scouts at Incirlik will see two of their own earn this honor in the near future — Robert Suminsby III and Alec Gohl. The progression of a Boy Scout does not stop once they reach Eagle Scout level though.

"I've been a Scout all my life," said Sergeant Dechant. "After I became an Eagle Scout I stayed on as a Junior Assistant Scoutmaster and guide for the boys. I took a 15-month break while I was in basic training and



Photo by Senior Airman Dallas Edwards

Ben Suminsby (bottom), age 11, and Richard Warner, age 12, work on their swimming merit badge by learning how to make their clothes into floatation devices in case they are ever stranded or capsized without a life preserver.

tech school, and signed on as a Scoutmaster at Hill Air Force Base, Utah, when I arrived there. I've been working as an adult (Scout) leader as I move from base to base."

A question does come to mind when thinking about Boy Scouts of America thriving in a country like Turkey: What kind of challenges do the boys face in terms of activities?

"Back in the states there is a lot more opportunity for the boys to be able to camp and do more community involvement activities," said Sergeant Van Hise. "Here, because of the higher force protection levels, we are not inclined to do a lot of off-base activities."

Still, the Incirlik Scouts do not let that stop them. The Scout leaders work with their Scouts to keep them busy and hone their skills.

"The skills we've been able to teach have been right on par with the best troops I've seen in the states," said Sergeant Dechant. "We get outstanding support from the base community whenever we ask. There are so many volunteers with so much to offer."

"I help the troop to get the support it needs in the form of adult leaders, merit badge instructors and so forth," said Col. Robert

Suminsby, 39th Air Base Wing vice commander and Boy Scout committee chairman. "Fortunately, in a small community like Incirlik, it's never hard to find someone who's eager to support the scouting program."

The Scouts have been working on swimming, first-aid, knot tying, orienteering, plant and wildlife identification and fingerprinting. Each year they also hold the annual "Pine Wood Derby," where the Scouts make cars from wood and race them as a project with their parents. The future for the troop includes running a booth at Oktoberfest, camping and archeology in Cappadocia and learning environmental science.

"Our overall goal is to mold boys into civically responsible, physically fit, morally straight and self-reliant young men," said Sergeant Dechant. "We want to see these boys become leaders of our nation in whatever field or line of work they choose to pursue. We are here to teach them skills, teach them responsibility and teach them to respect themselves, God, their country and other people."

Boy Scouts will begin weekly meetings in October. For more information about the Boy Scouts call Sergeant Dechant at 6-2407.

Honor Guard

Putting pride into military community

By Capt. Denise Burnham
39th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

President Lincoln had one assigned to his funeral train. President Roosevelt created a “mounted” one made up of former Rough Riders. Every administration has had some form of one since George Washington. From California to New York, these elite units are made up of the best of the best from the military services.

They are the Honor Guard and they are not limited to stateside service. Overseas bases, like Incirlik, also have them.

The team is responsible for ceremonial support such as change of commands, posting the colors, retirements, graduations, special ceremonies and a variety of other details. In addition to the support provided here, the Honor Guard lends advice to the geographically separated units in Izmir and Ankara.

Tech Sgt. Carlo Gutierrez, Airman Leadership School flight instructor, is the new Honor Guard NCO in charge. He joined the group in August when his predecessor left.

“I met the former Honor Guard adviser because, with ALS, we actually send six troops through the training each class so they can post their own colors at their graduation ceremony,” said Sergeant Gutierrez.

The group has been very busy the past few months with ceremonies all over the base.

“We did the wing change of command, the medical group redesignation, Hispanic Heritage luncheon, POW/MIA ceremony and the wing awards ceremony,” said Staff Sgt. Shana Stewart, 39th Medical Group NCO in charge of Force Health Management who joined the Honor Guard in July.

Sergeant Stewart is also new to Honor Guard having joined the team in July.

“I always wanted to be on the Honor Guard,” said Sergeant Stewart. “So I went on the *Source* and sought them out.”

The team is skilled in their precision commands which requires many hours of practice.

“In the beginning anything is difficult,” said Sergeant Stewart. “But if you come to all the practices, you’ll improve.”

“It’s not hard, it’s all about conditioning yourself,” she added. “Most people are not used to standing at attention for 30 minutes or presenting arms. The rifles may seem a little bit heavy in the beginning but after continuously doing it, you won’t even notice after awhile.”

The team has 12 active members and eight trainees who are getting ready to become qualified, full-time members.

“Having so many people allows a chance to make sure everyone can do the different details,” said Sergeant Stewart. “With job obligations, having more people makes it easier.”

“We are trying to beef up our numbers so we can do other ceremonial events such as the 10-person retreat team with a six-person fold and things like that,” said Sergeant Gutierrez.

Before a member is fully certified to perform ceremonial duties he or she must go through a month-long training period. Trainees are expected to master facing movements with and without the rifle, port arms, present arms. Members must keep their military bearing throughout the practices.

“The last Tuesday of the month all Honor Guard members dress up in ceremonial gear and all trainees dress in full service dress as if they are meeting a quarterly board,” said Sergeant Stewart. “The guardsmen’s are on scene and actually rate the trainees who are meeting the board that night.”

After the trainees perform the moves, they are asked to leave the room while the team members discuss any mistakes that were made.

“Everyone has passed so far and no one has failed,” said Sergeant Gutierrez.

The team does try to make it fun at practices and they sometimes participate in a drill called “Last Man Standing.” Team members stand in a circle facing away from everyone and one person calls the commands. The last one left who has not made any mistakes is treated to lunch by the Honor Guard NCO in charge.

“You must have discipline to be on the team, but we still do have a lot of fun,” said Sergeant Stewart.

Honor Guard practice is Tuesdays at 3 p.m. and Thursdays at 4:30 p.m. at the club.

“I’ve started working with the chief’s group to ensure the volunteers can get out of work on time for practices,” said Sergeant Gutierrez. “Since it’s an additional duty, it’s considered an official duty.”

Joining Honor Guard also has many perks for team members. They are invited to compete in quarterly awards; their distinctive ceremonial dress blues are free; often times if they perform at luncheons they are treated to a free meal; they receive free dry cleaning; and most members are considered for an Air Force Achievement Medal after serving for 12 months.

“The services squadron is also working on an incentive package for Honor Guard members,” said Sergeant Gutierrez.

People may request the Honor Guard two weeks before a special event by going onto the *Source* and submitting an electronic request. The team normally handles seven to 10 requests per month.

Anyone who is interested in learning more about Honor Guard can access information via the *Source*. An application form is available online. Interested members should fill out the application and route it through their change of command. Honor Guard members are required to be active duty and in the ranks of E-1 through E-6. Members must be highly dedicated and motivated to carry out the Honor Guard mission and be available to perform duty for one year, according to the Web site.

The Honor Guard is always seeking new members to fulfill team obligations for ceremonial support. Interested military members should click on the *Source* at <http://source/assocs/honorguard/membership.htm> and review the eligibility criteria. For more information, call Sergeant Gutierrez at 6-6466.



Ask MEHMET

By Mehmet Birbiri, Host Nation Adviser

Borrowing cars

Question: Mehmet, I heard I cannot let my friend or neighbor drive my privately owned vehicle in Turkey. Is that true? If so, why can't I?

Response: What you have heard is absolutely true. Do not let anyone drive your privately owned car in Turkey.

Your privately owned vehicle is temporarily imported in Turkey for your own use in accordance with NATO-SOFA and bilateral agreements. According to Turkish Customs laws and regulations, the temporarily imported vehicles can be used only by the owner or his or her family members in Turkey. Those vehicles cannot be loaned or rented to anyone else.

You should not let anyone, Turkish or American, drive your vehicle under any circumstances. In case the police catch your car being driven by someone else, your vehicle will be banned from traffic and put into the customs shed in accordance with Article 597 of the customs regulation. Moreover, a fine in the duplicate amounts of customs duties shall be charged in accordance with Article 238 of the Turkish Customs Law.

Let's say you are away from the base and are unable to drive your vehicle due to health or other reasons, but your vehicle should be driven. In that case, contact police or Jandarma and tell them your situation and ask them to assign you a driver. Make sure to have a written statement from them about the situation.

I know an ongoing case right now where customs confiscated the vehicle and charged the owner a \$35,000 fine for the car valued at only \$5,000.

Circus in town

Question: I saw something that looks like an amusement park set up by the Mosque. What is it?

Response: The Monte Carlo circus is entertaining the locals in Adana. The huge circus tent is set up by the Sabanci Mosque on the River Road and will be here for a couple



Photo by Casimer Wichlacz

The Monte Carlo circus is entertaining the locals in Adana. The huge circus tent is set up by the Sabanci Mosque on the River Road and will be here for a couple of weeks.

of weeks. There are two performances per day, one at 6:45 p.m. and the other at 9:15 p.m. The ticket prices run from eight to 15 YTL. The admission for children under three is free. The last time a circus performed in Adana was five years ago.

Business cards

Question: Last week I was shopping at the Alley and two merchants gave me their business cards. However, they marked a big 'X' on the back of it before handing it me. Why do they do that?

Response: This is a habitual action by many people in Turkey. Most shops in the Alley and in the rest of Turkey use business cards beyond just handing them out to customers. Many shopkeepers send short messages or notes by writing on the back of their business cards.

Payments and sending and receiving goods are also accompanied with notes written on the back of a business card. The note on the back mostly says, "The individual holding my card is Please give him/her...." The receiver does whatever the back of the card says and keeps it until seeing the card's owner to finish whatever business remains.

But some dishonest people misuse the system. If they have an unmarked business card, they can write any message they want for goods, money or services at the expense

of the card's original owner.

Therefore, some shopkeepers make a big 'X' or stamp 'For Address Only' on the back to prevent any abuse of the card.

In Turkish

sirk - circus
(sirk)

hayvan - animal
(hi-one)

otomobil - automobile
(o-to-mo-bill)

yasak - forbidden
(yea-suck)

is - business
(ish)

bebek - baby
(beh-bek)

Do you have a question about something Turkish? Ask Mehmet. To submit a question, call 6-6060 or e-mail mehmehmet.birbiri@incirlik.af.mil.

THE INCIRLIK GUIDE

Final Friday

Airman Committed to Excellence hosts Final Friday Mardi Gras style at the club today from 5 to 7 p.m. For more information, call the club at 6-6101.

Wing promotion ceremony

The wing promotion ceremony is 3 p.m. today at the club ballroom. For more information, call Mast Sgt. Darnell Moss at 6-6720.

Sponsorship training

The family support center hosts sponsorship training from 9 to 10 a.m. Monday at the FSC. The class provides the most up-to-date information about what is involved in a PCS move to Incirlik. For more information or to sign up, call the FSC at 6-6755.

Tobacco cessation

The health and wellness center hosts a tobacco cessation class Monday from noon to 1 p.m. For more information or pre-register, call the HAWC at 6-4292.

TAP seminar

The FSC offers a three-day transition assistance program seminar from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday. For more information, call the FSC at 6-6755.

PTSA volunteers

The Parent Teacher Student Association needs volunteers for the 2005-2006 school year. For more information, call Nikki Flores at 6-6196.

Quilting

The quilting group meets 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the Red Cross classroom in the family support center.

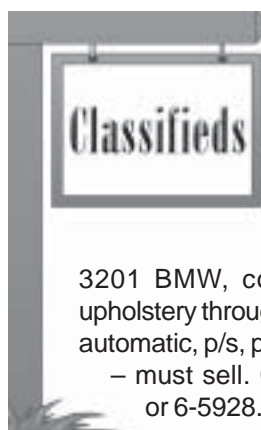
Ultimate frisbee

Anyone interested in playing ultimate frisbee can contact Kelley Cunningham at 0536-818-1127 or e-mail kelly.cunningham@eu.dodea.edu.



Photo by Senior Airman Dallas Edwards

Col. "Tip" Stinnette, 39th Air Base Wing commander, and Col. Robert Suminsby, 39th ABW vice commander, lead Incirlik officers during a wing-wide officer run Sept. 22.



For sale: Five, 15' tires with rims, \$700 OBO. Call Taylor at 6-5563 or 6-3130.

For sale: 1988 3201 BMW, convertible. Fresh upholstery throughout, new rag-top, automatic, p/s, p/w,p/b,a/c. PCSing – must sell. Call Bill at 6-6755 or 6-5928.

For sale: Golf clubs. MasterFit irons 2-SW, cavity-back with steel shafts, \$175. Cobra Woods, driver, 3 & 5 woods with steel heads and graphite shafts, \$50. Call Brandon at 6-2284.

For hire: Honest, dependable, trustworthy – If this is what you are looking for in a maid, then I have the one for you. Available immediately. Call George at 6-6233 during the day or 6-5370 after 5 p.m.

Position opening: Part-time opening at clinic for medical records coordinator. Duties include retrieving, copying, scanning and tracking medical records. Must have high school degree or GED, organizational skills, attention to detail and ability to multi task. For more information, call Sueanne Bicknell at 6-8829.

Position opening: Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University announces a position opening for Center Director of Operations here. This is a full-time, salaried

position. Applicants must possess a master's degree, have office computer skills and be able to work with both students and faculty. For more information or to submit a resume, e-mail europe.assistant.rdo@erau.edu.

Wanted: Baby crib, mattress not needed. Need ASAP. Call Blanca or Chris at 6-2135.

Wanted: Someone who is trustworthy and dependable to provide in home care for 4- and 6-year-old. Must be willing to work primarily Monday - Friday, sometimes on weekends and at all different hours of the day and night. Must have own means of transportation and references. For more information, call 6-9381 after 5 p.m.

Wanted: Immediate part-time opening for WICO Wellness Counselor. BA/BS in nursing/dietician or Home Economics required. Call 6-1237 or DSN 226-9016 for details.

Found: The medical group has items abandoned in the resource management office by patients admitted to the facility. If you have previously been a patient in our facility and had valuable stored, please report to the RMO window located next to the TRICARE office with a description of the item left behind in order to claim them. Items will be available for pick up from now until Nov. 1 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. For more information, call RMO at 6-2159 or 6-2059.



Photo by 1st Lt. S.J.B. Bryant

Stained glass

Staff Sgt. Patricia Keen, 39th Mission Support Squadron, holds up a stained glass window she is working on during the class she teaches at Arts and Crafts Center. Classes are held each Saturday between 2 and 4 p.m. Basic Stain Glass Class is one day. The cost is \$20 and held the first Saturday of the month. Stain Glass Workshops are five classes and cost \$30 plus supplies. The Basic Stain Glass 101 gives people an introduction to stained glass. If they like it, they can sign up for a workshop and build their own stained glass window and borrow the instructor's tools.

COMBAT, SPECIAL INTEREST PROGRAM

Combat Touch events

Mid-week Bible Study is 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays in the Chapel Annex. For more information, call 6-2188.

The Crossroads Café is opened Friday 7 p.m. for 18 years and older. The cafe will be open Saturday 6 p.m. for all ages.

Hours for Sunday worship services at the base chapel in building 945 are:

Protestant:

8 a.m. – Traditional worship service
11:15 a.m. – Gospel worship service
6 p.m. – Contemporary service

Catholic:

9 a.m. – Reconciliation
9:30 a.m. – Mass

Revival:

6:30 p.m. Oct. 5-7 – Amelda E. Thomas, founder and president of F.A.I.T.H international Ministries is the guest speaker at this year's revival.

Daily Mass is 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays through Fridays. The chapel also has points of contact for other religions. Personal checks written to the chapel require the sponsor's social security number on them. For more information, call the base chapel at 6-6441.



AT THE OASIS

Today

High Tension (R) – Starring Cecile de France and Maiwenn Le Besco. Alex brought her friend Marie to spend the weekend at her parents' country farmhouse to escape the hectic pace of Paris. An intruder is about to turn their dreams into a nightmare. Showing at 7 p.m. (85 minutes)

Saturday

Bad News Bears (PG-13) – Starring Billy Bob Thornton and Greg Kinnear. A former pro baseball player becomes the new coach of the Bears, the most losing team in Little League history, he has his work cut out for him. Showing at 7 p.m. (111 minutes)

The Devil's Reject (R) – Starring Sid Haig and Bill Moseley. The unthinkable horror and chaos continues a few weeks after the events depicted in "House of 1000 Corpses," as the murderous Firefly family is forced on the lam after a bloody showdown at their home. Showing at 9:15 p.m. (101 minutes)

Sunday

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (PG) – Starring Johnny Depp. Charlie wins a candy bar

contest and is given a tour, along with four other children, of the amazing factory run by the eccentric Willy Wonka and his staff of Oompa-Loompas. Showing at 5 p.m. (106 minutes)

Dukes of Hazard (PG-13) – Starring Jessica Simpson. Cousins Bo and Luke Duke, with a little help from their cousin Daisy and Uncle Jesse, egg on the authorities of Hazzard County. Showing at 7 p.m. (106 minutes)

Thursday

Wedding Crasher (R) – Starring Owen Wilson and Vince Vaughn. Showing at 7 p.m. (119 minutes)

AT THE M1

Godsend (PG-13) — 12:15 p.m., 2:30 p.m., 4:45 p.m., 7 p.m. and 9:15 p.m. (102 minutes)

Stealth (PG-13) — 11:30 a.m., 2 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7 p.m., 9:30 p.m. and 11:45 p.m. (104 minutes)

Cinderella Man (PG-13) — 12:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 6:45 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. (144 minutes)

Movie listings are subject to changes. On-base listings are courtesy of the Army and Air Force Exchange Service Web site at <http://www.aafes.com/ems/euro/incirlik.htm>. For more Oasis information and updates, call the movie recording at 6-6986 or the theater office at 6-9140.